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Jack Bendat

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Jack Bendat AM (born 6 May 1925) is an American-born Australian businessman and owner of the Perth Wildcats basketball team. Previously involved in construction and media businesses with longtime business partner, Kerry Stokes, Bendat is now involved in philanthropic and sporting interests.

Jack Bendat
AM

Born	6 May 1925 (age 96) United States
Nationality	Australian
Occupation	Businessman Property developer Philanthropist
Known for	Owner of the Perth Wildcats and Perth Lynx
Net worth	▲ A$639 million (*AFR* 2021)[1]

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Early life [edit source]

Jack Bendat was born in the United States and migrated with his family from California to Perth in 1966.[2]

Career [edit source]

Bendat, along with business partners, Kerry Stokes and Kevin Merifield, were involved in the development of shopping centres in Perth and regional Western Australia.

Bendat's business accomplishments include building Bunbury Plaza, one of the first country shopping centres in Western Australia, and establishing country media service GWN (now GWN7). He went on to work on development of 11 shopping centres around Western Australia.[3]

Personal life [edit source]

Bendat is a widower and his wife, Eleanor passed away in 2018, aged 92 years.[4] They had two children. Their son, Paul, died of cancer in 2017.[5]

Net worth [edit source]

Year	*Financial Review* Rich List		*Forbes* Australia's 50 Richest	
	Rank	Net worth (A$)	Rank	Net worth (US$)
2014[6]	70			
2015				
2016				
2017				
2018[7]	111 ▲	$704 million ▲		
2019[8]	139 ▼	$679 million ▼		
2020[9]	170 ▼	$634 million ▼		
2021[1]	182 ▼	$639 million ▲		

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Icon	Description
–	Has not changed from the previous year
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Philanthropy [edit source]

One of Bendat's major contributions has been the Bendat Family Comprehensive Cancer Centre at the St John of God Subiaco Hospital. Bendat's contribution to the community was recognised as WA Citizen of the Year in 2002.[10] Bendat was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in 2009.[11][12]

Bendat bought the Perth Wildcats basketball club in 2007.[13] In his time as owner, the club has won five NBL championships: 2009–10, 2013–14, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2018–19, and expanded significantly, drawing larger crowds to their new home court at RAC Arena. In April 2015, Bendat purchased the licence for the Perth WNBL team, the West Coast Waves and renamed them the Perth Lynx, and the following month, on his 90th Birthday, the WA Basketball Centre was renamed the *Bendat Basketball Centre* in his honour.[14]

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